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1. THE CHILEAN ARMY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (ELN) PLANS TO KIDNAP CHILEAN AMBASSADORS AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING CHILEAN OFFICIALS POSTED IN CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED LATIN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, TO BE EXCHANGED FOR ELN MILITANTS IMPRISONED IN CHILE. TO ASSIST IN THESE PLANS, THE ELN INTENDS TO REQUEST FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FROM THE TROTSKYITE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL. IN THIS REGARD, ERNST M A N D E L, A WEST GERMAN CURRENTLY RESIDING IN BRUSSELS WHO IS A LEADER OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, HAS PROMISED A SYMPA-

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THETIC HEARING OF THE ELN PLAN. FURTHERMORE, MANDEL IS PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE TRAVEL OF ELN LEADERS TO PARIS IN EARLY 1975 TO MEET WITH THE TROTSKYITES AND LEADERS OF OTHER RADICAL CHILEAN PARTIES AND TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. MANDEL HAS ALSO PROMISED TO PLACE THE PRINTING FACILITIES OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AT THE ELN'S DISPOSAL.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE ELN'S ACTIVITIES INSIDE CHILE, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 12 MILITANTS WITH A CACHE OF ARMS AND APPROXIMATELY 14 MILLION ESCUDOS (US$7,000) WHO ARE ACTIVE IN SANTIAGO TRYING TO ORGANIZE A GUERRILLA UNIT WITH DISSIDENTS FROM THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES OF CHILE AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). MODEST RESULTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN THESE EFFORTS AS YOUNGER, MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THESE PARTIES HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF THE FUTILITY OF THE BROAD-BASED POLITICAL, ANTIFASCIST FRONT THEIR PARTY LEADERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE. [redacted] 1.5 (c)

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[redacted] THESE GROUPS ARE TASKED WITH OBTAINING FINANCIAL BACKING AND MANPOWER FOR THE ELN FROM ARGENTINE EXTREMISTS, AS WELL AS URUGUAYAN AND CHILEAN EXILES IN ARGENTINA. ALSO, THE ELN INTENDS TO ESTABLISH IN CARACAS, VENEZULELA, A BASE FOR THE SUPPORT OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN CHILE WHEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELN IS RECEIVED FROM THE VENEZUELAN BANDERA ROJA GUERRILLA GROUP. [redacted] 1.5 (c)

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